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1. WHEN ACCOMPANYING DEPSEC RUSH TO MEETING WITH FONMIN MARCH 4, AMBASSADOR WAS HANDED PRESIDENT SUHARTO'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT NIXON'S LETTER OF FEB 1 (REF A).

2. TEXT OF SUHARTO'S REPLY (DATED MARCH 2) AS FOLLOWS:

"DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

"I HEREWITH

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER OF FEBRUARY 6, 1974, (SIC) ON THE SUBJECT OF THE COMING LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE. WE ARE GRATIFIED BY THE INTEREST YOU HAVE SHOWN IN YOUR LETTER IN THE ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE ADVANCED BY MY COUNTRY DURING THE U.N. SEABED SESSIONS. I AM FULLY AWARE OF YOUR CONCERN FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF NAVIATION RIGHTS AND HIGH SEA FREEDOMS SO ESSENTIAL FOR THE WELLBEING OF MANKIND. WE
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ARE ALSO AWARE OF THE SPECIAL NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES IN THESE MATTERS.

"I SHARE YOUR HOPE THAT A SATISFACTORY ACCOMODATION (SIC) OF ALL INTERESTS IS POSSIBLE IN SOLVING THE PROBLEM OF RECOGNITION OF THE ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE AS A UNIVERSALLY ACCEPTED LEGAL CONCEPT. WE ON OUR PART WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO REACH SUCH AN ACCOMODATION (SIC) AND ARE ALWAYS OPEN TO ANY SUGGESTION, AS WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN, THAT WOULD HELP SOLVE THIS QUESTION ON THE BASIS OF MUTAL RECOGNITION OF OUR RESPECTIVE LEGIMATE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE COMMON INTEREST AND WELL-BEING OF MANKIND.

"WE WOULD THEREFORE BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE THE DELEGATION YOU MIGHT WANT TO SEND TO JAKARTA TO EXPLORE DISCUSSION WITH OUR REPRESENTATIVES IN THE SECOND HALF OF MARCH 1974.

"WITH WARM REGARDS.

"SINCERELY YOURS, GENERAL SOEHARTO,
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA".

3. SIGNED ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED.

4. NAMES OF PROPOSED U.S. TEAM (REF C) WERE PASSED TO FOREIGN DEPARTMENT MARCH 2. WE HAVE NOT RPT NOT PROPOSED MARCH 18 FOR DATE OF VISIT AS SUGGESTED REF C. THAT DATE FALLS IN MIDST OF PLANNED VISIT BY QUEEN ELIZABETH (MARCH 17 TO 20); IF AGREEMENT IS TO BE REACHED DURING TEAM'S VISIT, WE BELIEVE GOI PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE READY ACCESS TO TOP GOI LEADERSHIP AND FEAR THIS WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE DURING PERIOD OF QUEEN ELIZABETH'S VISIT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY OTHER DATES WHICH U.S. TEAM WOULD PREFER FOR VISIT TO JAKARTA AFTER MARCH 20.
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